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LOK SABHA**

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NEWS IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to stop broadcasting of news in regional languages from AIR, Delhi and start the same from the capitals of the respective States; and

(b) if so, the time by which the aforesaid move is likely to come into effect?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING & CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)& (b): Prasar Bharati has informed that they have decided to shift the broadcast of national news bulletins in five regional languages from Delhi to respective State capitals due to shortage of qualified staff at Delhi. Telugu, Kannada and Sindhi news bulletins have already been shifted to respective State capitals.

However, it is clarified that the content of the national news bulletins in regional languages will continue to be made in Delhi only as before. It is also further clarified that the area of broadcast of these regional language national news bulletins remains unchanged and undiluted.